

REMARKS

In response to the above-noted Office Action, Applicant has amended Claims 1, 3, 8, 11 and 13 responsive to the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. In this connection, the amendments are generally responsive to the basis for rejection as set forth by the Examiner in the Action. Additionally, Claim 10 has been amended to correct a typographical error. However, the Examiner has indicated that in Claim 8, line 6, and in Claim 13, line 8, “consistent with” as used in the claim is deemed to be indefinite. In response, Applicant notes that in both claims 8 and 13, step a) sets forth “comparing an inputted IP address with a key value.” The term “consistent with” is used in the context of this comparison which is described in the specification, among other places, at page 12, line 26 through page 13, line 26. If the Examiner maintains that the term “consistent with” as used in Claims 8 and 13 is indefinite, further clarification is requested.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Craig et al. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Craig et al. Claims 4-5, 8-10 and 12-14 are rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Craig et al. in view of Ferguson et al. In response, the foregoing rejections, Applicant notes that Craig et al. has an earliest effective filing date of May 16, 2001. However, since Applicant has a priority date of December 30, 2000, Applicant submits that Craig et al. is not prior art under 35 USC 102(e), and, therefore, also cannot be relied upon to support a rejection under 35 USC 103. In this connection, submitted herewith is a verified English translation of the priority document. Further, since Ferguson et al. was relied upon for its teachings relating to a “child node location,” but does not supply the teachings relied upon by the Examiner in Craig et al., Applicant submits that rejection of the claims based on the combination of Craig et al. and Ferguson et al. cannot be maintained.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-5 and 8-14 in view of the prior art is requested.

Applicant also notes that in the Action, the Examiner indicates acknowledgement of Applicant's claim for foreign priority, but does not acknowledge receipt of a certified copy of the priority document. In this connection, Applicant notes that a certified copy of the priority document was filed February 27, 2002. Accordingly, Applicant further requests acknowledgement of Applicant's priority claim and receipt of a certified copy of the priority document.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

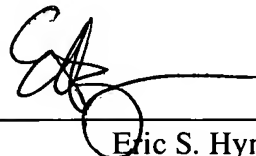
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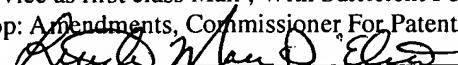


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